



**ROSTRUM**

# Step Up

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*“Speak clearly,  
if you speak at  
all; carve  
every word  
before you let  
it fall.”*

-Oliver Wendell Holmes Senior

# From the President

Welcome to another great year in Rostrum!

All of us have a Rostrum tale to tell. Mine is that I joined Rostrum because I could not put the words together to adequately answer the questions of an interview panel. The Chair of that panel suggested that I join Rostrum in my organisation, the Brisbane City Council. Since that time I have never looked back and the Rostrum Club membership have developed the ability to confidently express myself in meetings, interviews, and wherever else I have I have believed that I should express an opinion.

We all have a similar tale to tell.

If we are active in our Rostrum Club, become involved in its activities, meet the challenges that we are set, and work hard to develop our communication skills, we will over time develop very good communication skills, no matter what level of these skills that had when we joined Rostrum.

Because of the importance of the Rostrum Club in developing our communication skills, a significant objective for 2019 is expected to be the encouragement of the development of members through their Rostrum Clubs. As well as great speaking programs, achieving this objective will also require good promotion by Rostrum Clubs in their local community and focused training activities.

Please remember to strong support the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition this year.

Finally, I have told my Rostrum story. It will be great to hear your Rostrum story in our regular issues of Step Up this year.

Looking forward to catching with you during the year

-David Thorpe (QLD President)

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# QUEENSLAND ROSTRUM

## MANGEMENT COMITTEE

The newly inducted Queensland Rostrum Committee met for a planning meeting late last year at Kenmore Library.

Much discussion was had around what sets Rostrum apart from other speaking organisations and how best the QRMC could assist in fostering and growing these distinguishing attributes and the Rostrum brand in 2019.

The 2019 Queensland Rostrum Management Committee comprises the following members:

POSITION	NAME
PRESIDENT	FMN DAVID THORPE
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, QLD WEBMASTER, HANDBOOK COORDINATOR:	FMN BRIAN KORNER
TREASURER	FMN GEOFF READ
SECRETARY	ROSALIE ROBERTS
CHAIRMAN, FMN'S COUNCIL (EX OFFICIO MEMBER):	FMN KEITH HUNTER
RVOY CORDINATOR (EX OFFICIO MEMBER):	FMN IAN OLSSON
COMMITTEE MEMBER (TRAINING OFFICER)	FMN CARMEL REMPHREY
COMMITTEE MEMBER (TRAINING OFFICER)	JOHN LIZZIO
COMMITTEE MEMBER (MARKETING, PROMOTIONS, MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT)	PHILIP LEE
COMMITTEE MEMBER (COMPS. ORGANISER)	ROD BAILEY
COMMITTEE MEMBER	DAVID THOMSON

## REVIEW OF ADJUDICATION PROCESS

The Freeman's Council has approved a small committee consisting of Andy Johnston, John Lizzio and Carmel Remphrey to look into the adjudication process. Over the years, as most of you would know, there has been concern over the way speeches are marked and winners selected. Advice is being sought from Free-men /women and senior critics on ways to improve the adjudication methods and also if the current adjudication sheet used for RVOY and Rostrum competitions could be improved upon.

- Fmn Carmel Remphrey

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## VALE MARLE JUSTER O.A.M

Marle Juster passed away on 2nd January 2017, aged 92 years and 11 months and a celebration of his life was held at St Mary’s Anglican Church Redcliffe on Wednesday, 11th January. Marle was a foundation member of Redcliffe Rostrum Club No 41 formed on 3 Oct 1978. He served in all offices and contributed to the State through his involvement in Dais.

Marle Juster and his family came to Redcliffe in 1935 and Marle, joining up aged 18, served for four and a half years in the AIF 11th Brigade during WW2 in Dutch New Guinea, The Solomon Islands and New Britain.

Although he knew nothing about baking, he bought a baker’s business in 1947. He worked hard and at one stage had five shops on the Peninsula, adopting the name “Marle Cake Shops” because “I couldn’t call them Juster Cake Shops”.

In 1979 at a testimonial dinner for a retiring member of State Parliament attended by over 400 people including several dignitaries, Marle Juster had the honour of speaking on behalf of the citizens of Redcliffe.

In 1988 when donating an annual Trophy for the Club 41 speech championships he made the following speech;- “Man’s basic habits are breathing, eating and talking. If he omits the first he will suffocate in a few minutes. If he omits the second he will starve within a few days. If he omits the third he will go mad within a very short period. The most inhumane prison punishment is solitary confinement. Speech is a safety valve – humans must communicate with each other. Speech is an aspect of social behavior that must be taught like personal hygiene, neatness in dress and good manners. This is what Rostrum is all about – teaching us to speak more effectively, together with the confidence that we could do it.” The first winner of his trophy was Tom Gundy.

Marle received a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1989 for service to the Pastrycooks’ Association of Queensland. He was also made a Life Member of the Redcliffe Historical Society.

Bob the Baker Bakery in the Belmont Road, Belmont Q. Shopping Centre has a Marle Juster perpetual shield hanaina in the shop.

# AROUND THE TRAPS - CLUB 17



Club 17 members at the 2018 convention.  
(LtoR) Yang Yang, Micheal Axelsen, David Thorpe, Brian Korner, Sue Worsley, Graham Webb, Carmel Remphrey, Chris Horacek & Grace Liu.

**We had many highlights in 2018 with involvement of club members in many activities, plus five new members to the club. We finished the year with 18 members.**

**One of our greatest achievements was the Convention. Not only did we have six members competing in Open, Novice and Impromptu competitions but we had the winner and second place in the Open, being Carmel Remphrey (pictured with National President) and Sue Worsley, our President.**

**Micheal Axelsen not only competed in the Open Competition, but gave a training session on *Using Social Media to Grow your Club*, plus was State Secretary at the AGM that afternoon, and that night was Emcee at the dinner and presentation of awards. PLUS in March was Emcee at the RVOY trivia night. Great work Micheal!**

**During October, our club also hosted both regional heats of the Open and Novice competitions.**

## **MENTORS' GATHERING**

**One of the extra activities we had was a Saturday morning tea and brain-storming session for our club mentors to look at ways we could improve as mentors and advance the speakers more effectively in our club.**



LtoR) Josh Phillips, Naomi Kawasaki, Nathan Leary and Paul Cleary (Vish Chilumkurti missing from photo)



(LtoR), Hui Jiang, Brian Korner, Micheal Axelsen, Carmel Remphrey, Sue Worsley and Graham Webb.

Fmn Carmel Remphrey (Club 17)

## Club 18



Pictured from L/R are. Dan Mulcahy, John Mackay, Stan Simpson, Phil Penning, Cass Arboit, Pat Neville- all Club 18. Front Brooklyn Ivory. (Student our Snow White for the night.)

Buoyant, cheerful attitudes were the key to the success of the Rostrum public speaking club's annual dinner.

The addition of a special guest in the form of Snow, White, (Brooklyn Ivory.) was a readily accepted bonus to the festivities.

The theme of the evening was that the seven dwarfs had morphed away from the traditions established by the story's originators (Grimm's Bros.) who released the fairy tale in 1812, no, they all had their own favourite song to live for, songs of ABBA, & the Beatles infiltrated the realm.

Characters such as Sneezzy Dan Loved 'I do, I do I do', Grumpy John was 'Imagine', Bashful Phil 'Ring Ring give me a call' Happy Cass was 'Glad all over'

Sleepy Stan was Abba's 'S.O.S.', these sensitive new age dwarfs, were still under the watchful eye of the charming Snow White, dressed in the traditional fashion.

The Christmas messages that were combined into the song lyrics, were delivered with humour and finesse, much to the delight of the audience.

Sketch's later depicted the plight of 3 infidels captured by an insurgent, they secured a release of capture with a song title. Meanwhile Superman, Snow White and Pinocchio, encounter the world's greatest liar, who trumped Pinocchio for first prize, (A past prime minister.)

- Stan Simpson Club 18.

# CLUB 31

Commencing at the start of the year we had twenty members being eleven full members, seven social security members and two student members. At the end of 2018 our membership had dropped to nineteen members having gained one new member and lost two. We still have the oldest Queensland member, being Freeman Ray McKeown, who even in his mid-nineties still is a very regular attendee and senior accredited critic/mentor who willingly passes on his knowledge to the younger members.

This year we did not conduct any locally based training courses as have happened in previous year as both of our training Freeman were unavailable for long periods during the year. A significant achievement for the year was that our new member Sam Marino represented the club at Brisbane Convention and won the first place in the novice competition. A local primary school was visited during the year with advice in public speaking provided which was followed by several of the students attending our club meetings.

The numbers attending each meeting remained consistent throughout the year and we must thank our host, the Cairns RSL Club, who have looked after us for about fifty years and make us most welcome. Although some of our members visited overseas countries during the year, we were able to conduct all meetings as programmed.

Our programme is varied every week and distributed before the meeting that makes the night interesting. We were pleased to be able to host previous President Doug Bates in late May who passed on words of wisdom to the members. Freeman Carmel Remphrey also visited us in July.

Another significant visitor was Ivan Saric, President of Geelong, Victoria club.

Four of our members attended the Brisbane Convention but were disappointed to find that the critic training course to be held on the Sunday had been cancelled by lack of candidates.

Our prospects of being able to start a second Rostrum club diminished during the year and we returned a QRC grant that had been provided

The Voice of Youth competition was well organised by President Judith Sturgess with our local winners competing in Brisbane unsuccessfully. The club also supported a local long running competition run by chemist Mario Callana.

The club is currently in recess until mid-January and everything points to a promising 2019 year.

## Club 6 (Special mention)



I would like to mention Tony Coughran, one of our new members who joined Rostrum in August of this year.

You will recall Tony spoke at the novice speaking competition and in my opinion, came second.

I was able to offer him personal coaching in which we really worked well as a team and it really showed that in such a short time, wherein he only usually comes every second week due to work commitments, how much he has improved. Tony is a real estate buyer's agent and people in his normal work environment have noticed a big improvement.

It is generally affecting everything he does. He is in a networking group called Business Networking International and he referred \$1.8m worth of work to colleagues within BNI.

In other words, Rostrum has tremendously helped Tony in his career and we are very proud of him in Club 6.

Frmn - Keith Hunter Club No 6

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## Upcoming Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> of April - Rostrum Voice of Youth Trivia Night - Norman Park Bowls Club, 43 Norman Avenue, Norman Park
- 13<sup>th</sup> of April - QRMC meeting @ 9:15AM - 11:59AM
- 13<sup>th</sup> of April - Adjudication training day is planned at the Kenmore library meeting room from 1.30 to 4.30 approx.
- 27 -28<sup>th</sup> of April - RVoY Brisbane/ Ipswich/ Logan heats – QUT Gardens Point, Brisbane

## Submissions for the next Issue of Step Up

Submissions for the next issue of Step Up close on Friday 19th April, 2019.

Step Up is all about letting Queensland Rostrum members share what is going on in their world of Rostrum. You can send your stories and photos of meetings, competitions, celebrations, dinners, and especially new members. Send them in and they will be compiled for the next edition.

Send submissions to David Thomson at [qldeditor@rostrum.com.au](mailto:qldeditor@rostrum.com.au)  
Thank you all for your submissions, feedback and help. Step Up does not happen without you!

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